



Nevada State Health Division Technical Bulletin



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TO: Health Care Providers and Public


The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all health care providers and the public of recently adopted statutes affecting licensed health care providers.

On May 29, 2011 Governor Brian Sandoval signed into law Assembly Bill 544 (AB 544). AB 544 directs local governments to adopt the same terms already used in state law to describe certain facility types such as child care institutions, facilities for transitional living for released offenders, group foster homes, halfway houses, homes for individual residential care and residential facilities for groups. For example, certain local governments issue "group home" business licenses, but the licenses do not differentiate whether the facility is for recovering alcohol and drug abusers, children, adolescents, the elderly or recently released inmates. In addition, there is no statutory definition of a group home.


To reduce the confusion over what type of the care is being provided in a facility, AB 544 will require local governments to issue business licenses using already accepted statutory definitions such as a halfway house for recovering alcohol and drug abusers, transitional living facilities for released offenders, residential facilities for groups, group foster home, child care institution and home for individual residential care.

This law becomes effective July 1, 2011 and there will be no new regulations as a result of the law.

For detailed information, please go to http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/AB/AB544_EN.pdf

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